

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3067, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Representative Clemmons	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	7-11-10
SUBJECT:	Candidate Filing Only One Election		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Section 7-11-10, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to methods of nominating candidates, so as to prohibit a candidate from filing more than one statement of intention of candidacy for a single election, and to prohibit a candidate from being nominated by more than one political party for a single office in an election. The Bill further amends Section 7-13-320, relating to ballots and specifications, so as to prohibit a candidate's name from appearing on the ballot more than once. The Bill as amended would delete references to straight party voting.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

A review of this Bill, as amended, by the State Election Commission indicates there will be a cost to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$110,000 for changes in training and education materials, and to provide education to county election officials, poll managers and voters.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The State Election Commission requests funding for primary and statewide general elections, and if this Bill is enacted, these additional expenditures would be included as part of the agency's budget request.

Approved by:



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